



## The Word of God is Living and Active

*"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:12-16*

This powerful verse should draw us back to the prologue to the Gospel of John. "The word of God" is literally "the Logos of God." The usual interpretation of this passage directs our attention to the written words of the Bible. If that is the author's intent the literal translation would be "for the Bible is living and active..." However, the pronoun of verse 13 should cause us to carefully consider another alternative. If verse 12 presented the Bible as a tool for judging the thoughts and intentions of the heart, then verse 13 should say, "And there is no creature hidden from its words." Not only this, but verse 14 functions in similar fashion to verse 14 of John's prologue, introducing the person who bears the "Logos" title. Jesus Christ is our great High Priest. Therefore, the pronoun of verse 13, the naming of our great High Priest in verse 14 along with the title of "logos" in the vein of John's prologue drives me toward a different interpretation. "For the Word" – "the Logos who was in the beginning with God and the Logos was God" (John 1:1) – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, judges all "the thoughts and intentions of the heart." He judges so precisely that the author compares Him to a sharp, two-edged sword, separating every thought, word, and action into good or evil. He is able to do this because everything is completely "laid bare" to His eyes. There is a terrifying reality described in these verses. Jesus Christ, the Logos, sees and knows everything down to the very motive of the heart. Regardless of the external appearance of nobility, Jesus sees the driving heart forces behind the action. He judges with exactness and He judges completely.

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### **The Compassionate High Priest**

The terrifying reality of Jesus Christ judging in this way might cause us to despair. The next verse presents such an encouraging word. *“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”* Yes, Jesus Christ judges with petrifying exactness. He also mercifully acts as our High Priest. He speaks to the Father on our behalf, continually seeking grace and mercy for us in His Father’s presence. Our High Priest, Jesus Christ the righteous One understands our weaknesses. He was like us in that He faced great temptation while He walked this earth. However, He can be our High Priest like no other person can be our High Priest. He lived His life in absolute perfection. Given His compassion toward us as we face temptation and given His sinless perfection providing an everlasting righteous standing before His Father, we can confidently come to Him for help with all our troubles.

~ Daniel

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## **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

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**Sunday, November 5th!**

**Roll your clocks back one  
hour before bedtime  
Saturday.**





## **AWANA Club**

**Wednesday Nights, for kids ages 3\* - 6th grade  
6:30pm - 8:00pm**

\*3 year olds in Cubbies must be potty trained, and have turned 3 by Sept. 1st. A parent must stay on campus through the duration of the program. See our website to see what Adult Bible Study classes we have for you.

Would you pray about joining the Awana team?  
Or do you know anyone who might be a good fit  
for this ministry opportunity?

Contact Brittany at [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in  
the amazing ministry!

  
**WE NEED  
YOU  
TO  
JOIN  
US**



## ***Sunday School***

Join us every Sunday morning from  
9:45am-10:45am as we journey through the Gospel Project.

***Sunday Nights 5:30pm  
Education Building  
2nd floor***



For kids in kindergarten through 6th grade - Join us  
for games on the front lawn (weather permitting)  
followed by girls and boys Bible studies focused on  
becoming disciples who go into the world to make  
disciples. This spring we will finish our study on the  
book of Matthew.

Want to stay up to date with us on facebook?  
Like our page at [facebook.com/mrbcchildrens](https://facebook.com/mrbcchildrens)

Questions regarding the children's ministry  
or how you can join the leadership team?  
Email [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com).



**SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## Youth Ministry

It feels like we have flown through August, September, and October! We are only a couple days away from Legacy Weekend, which is November 3rd and 4th. Remember, November 1st is the last day to sign up! We are so excited about this weekend, as we get to see the whole family participating in different events, as well as coming together as a family to worship and study God's Word.



Because we are having Legacy Weekend this month, we will NOT be having a C2 Friday event. However, we have some really awesome things lined up for November:



With Thanksgiving right around the corner, our Missions Group felt that this was an excellent opportunity to have a food drive. We started the food drive on October 25th, and we will continue collection of donations until November 15th. We are partnering with Mission Arlington with this food drive, to assist some families in need with their Thanksgiving meal. We are really looking forward to seeing our students be a part of this awesome event. Mission Arlington will be picking up all of the donations on November 16th.

We are asking for donations of: turkeys, rolls, canned sweet potatoes, beans and rice, canned pie filling, tuna, canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, vegetables, pie crust, hams, cranberry sauce, and stuffing mix. \*Please turn in the rolls on Nov. 14th or 15th, in order to keep fresh.

As we get to the middle of November we will settle back into a more normal routine as we start getting ready for the holiday season, as Thanksgiving will be here before we know it, followed swiftly by Christmas and New Years. We are all very excited about the New Year coming as we continue in our planning for DNOW, and of course camp in the summer!



Speaking of camp, we have a fundraiser on December 16th! We will be providing childcare and gift wrapping Saturday, December 16th, from 9AM to 2PM. We will be providing childcare so mom and dad can run out and do some last minute Christmas shopping, or just have an afternoon away from the kids to go and grab lunch and have some alone time. We also are offering the gift wrapping service, as wrapping gifts can consume a lot of time, and for those of us that are not gift wrapping inclined it provides us with an opportunity to wrap those awesome gifts in a clean and neat way.

We are looking forward to an awesome November and we cannot wait to see how our students and families grow in Christ in the coming month!

In Christ, Matt Brown  
email: [matt@matthewroad.org](mailto:matt@matthewroad.org)  
cell ph #: 832-955-4954

## Women's Ministry

### Weekly Bible Studies:

#### Sunday mornings

Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich - Book of Acts  
Joy Richards & Chris Anderson - Book of Acts

#### Sunday nights

Meg Trihus - the Epistles

#### Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King - Book of Acts

#### Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A

(Camp Wisdom Location)

Cyndi King - 9:00 am - Book of Acts

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### Have a New Husband by Friday

How to Change His  
Attitude  
Behavior &  
Communication in 5 Days

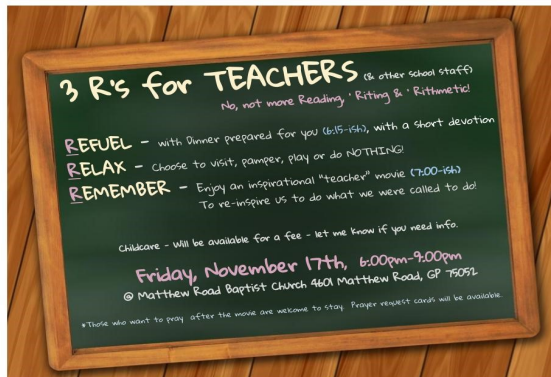
**Dr. Kevin Leman**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**COMING IN JANUARY!**

**HAVE A NEW HUSBAND BY FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

**MORE INFO TO COME!**



## NIGHT OF PRAISE

**December 1st, 7pm - 9pm  
with Pie Bar!**

Join us as we begin  
the Christmas Season  
with Worship!



**RIVERBEND  
WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**FEBRUARY 2ND - 3RD**  
**COST: \$60**  
[rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org)

**Choice of rooms is on a first come basis. There are hotel style rooms and bunk rooms available. Reserve your spot today with your \$40 deposit!**

**Don Pablos**  
**BIG TEX ★ BOLD MEX.**

**FIRST FRIDAY @ NOON**

### First Friday Lunch

Over the summer we had so much fun meeting weekly, we decided to continue it throughout the year. Mark your calendars, our next lunch is November 3rd

## College Ministry

**SMALL groups**  
change happens in circles, not rows

Guys, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
@ MRBC, CommonGrounds,  
lead by Zach Van Veldhuizen

Ladies, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
@ 2514 Channing Drive, GP  
TX 75052,  
led by Caroline Van Veldhuizen

## MATTHEW ROAD COLLEGE MINISTRY

THURSDAY NIGHT HANG OUT - @ 6:30 PM - 2514 CHANNING DR 75052

SUNDAY SCHOOL - @ 5:30 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE - @ 6:45 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
DINNER AFTER SERVICE - TBD

## Legacy Weekend



*Legacy Weekend*, in conjunction with preteen and youth fall retreats, is designed to engage families in the pursuit of purity. Over the course of the weekend, families with children and students will worship together and parents will be encouraged in "parent talk" discussions concerning family discipleship, gender, sexuality, and society's influence on the Christian home.

Friday, November 3

*Family Worship & Parent Talk\**

7:00pm-9:00pm

(With optional dismissal to preteen and student overnight retreats at 8pm)

Saturday, November 4

*Parents Only Questions & Answers Panel Discussion\**

1:30pm-3:00pm

and

*Family Dinners & Devotionals*

In host homes

6:00pm-8:00pm

Family Registration opens October 1.

Optional overnight retreat at Mt. Lebanon for kids in 3rd-12th grade is \$40 per person. More information regarding retreats available upon registration.

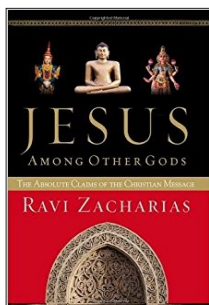
\*Childcare for 2nd grade and under and activities for those not participating in overnight retreats will be available during these times.

REGISTER AT [WWW.MATTHEWROAD.ORG](http://WWW.MATTHEWROAD.ORG), AND CLICK ON THE BANNER.

## 20Somethings



Contact Rachel at [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org)  
to find out the latest events & activities!



Wednesday Evenings, 6:45pm,  
Fellowship Hall

**In a world with so many religions,  
why Jesus?**

We are living in a time when you can believe anything, as long as you do not claim it to be true. In the name of “tolerance,” our postmodern culture embraces everything from Eastern mysticism to New Age spirituality. But as Ravi Zacharias points out, such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd. All religions, plainly and simply, cannot be true.

*Jesus Among Other Gods* provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about Christianity, such as: *Aren't all religions fundamentally the same? Was Jesus who He claimed to be? Can one study the life of Christ and demonstrate conclusively that He was and is the way, the truth, and the life?*

In each chapter, Zacharias considers a unique claim that Jesus made and then contrasts the truth of Jesus with the founders of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism with compelling insight and passionate conviction. In addition to an impressive breadth of reading and study, he shares his personal journey from despair and meaninglessness to his discovery that Jesus is who He said He is.

A NEW  
GENERATION  
WITH  
THE TRUTH  
TO SUPPORT  
BELIEVERS  
THROUGHOUT LIFE

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” ~ 2 Timothy 2:2

*Class Sunday Mornings 9:45am upstairs in ED Bldg.*

## BOLD TRUTHS

When our *Jesus Among Other Gods* study finishes, join us on Wednesday nights at 6:45 for

**BOLD TRUTHS -**

**What do they mean to us !!!**

After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.

**In the beginning God...**

AND WE KNOW THAT  
GOD CAUSES  
EVERYTHING TO  
WORK TOGETHER  
FOR THE GOOD OF  
THOSE WHO LOVE  
GOD AND ARE  
CALLED ACCORDING  
TO HIS PURPOSE  
FOR THEM.

His  
mercies  
begin  
afresh  
each  
morning

**No one can come to the Father except through me.**

## **November 2017 Events & Activities**

*For more information, please see our website, [www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org), or call the church office at 972-641-2717.*

**November 1st:** Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
*\*We will be voting on the proposed 2018 Budget*  
 Missions Committee Prayer Meeting, 8:00pm, Library

**November 2nd:** Young@Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am

**November 3rd-4th:** Legacy Weekend, see pg 6 for info  
 Preteen Camp, see Brittany for info  
 Youth Fall Retreat, see Matt for info

**November 5th:** Daylight Savings Time ends, "Fall Back" one hour before bedtime Saturday

**November 11th:** Deacon Training, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

**November 12th:** Veterans' Day Luncheon, see Lynn Titus for info

**November 17th:** Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center  
*\*must rsvp to [cyndikking@msn.com](mailto:cyndikking@msn.com)*

3 R's Teachers Ministry Dinner, Devotion & Movie, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, CG

**November 22nd:** Church Office closes at noon  
 No Evening Service or Activities

**November 23rd - 24th:** Church Office closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday



### ***Sunday Nights:***

- ◇ College - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Discipleship - Choir Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Couples Class - Library, 5:30pm
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm,  
see Matt for exact location
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm,  
see Matt for exact location
- ◇ MD<sup>2</sup> for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

### ***Wednesday Nights:***

- ◇ AWANA Club for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Studies, 6:45pm

## ***Regular Weekly Activities***

### ***Sundays***

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Morning Worship                | 8:30 & 11:00am |
| Morning Bible Study (all ages) | 9:45am         |
| Evening Bible Study (all ages) | 5:30pm         |
| 7:17 Service                   | 6:47pm         |

### ***Mondays***

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| K2 Primary Academy (during the school year) | 8:45am |
| PAW Program                                 | 9:00am |

### ***Tuesdays***

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| MRA (during the school year) | 8:30am |
| Young @ Heart Activities     | 9:45am |

### ***Wednesdays***

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| K2 Primary Academy (during the school year) | 8:45am |
| PAW Program                                 | 9:00am |
| Collide (youth)                             | 6:30pm |
| Adult Choir (during the school year)        | 6:30pm |
| AWANA Club (children)                       | 6:30pm |
| Adult Bible Studies                         | 6:45pm |

### ***Thursdays***

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| MRA (during school year) | 8:30am |
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### ***Fridays***

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| Chick time at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom) | 9:00am |
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### ***Saturdays***

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| Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP) | 7:30am |
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### ***Financials as of October 13, 2017*** *(Does not include schools)*

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| <b>Budget Income</b>  | <b>\$ 730,531</b>   |
| <b>Budget Expense</b> | <b>\$ (732,119)</b> |
| <b>Net Budget</b>     | <b>\$ (1,588)</b>   |

## ***Average Attendance for October***

**Morning Service: 345    717 Service: 140**